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SUBJECT: PORTUGAL'S VOTING RECORD AT 30TH UNGA

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1. PUBLISHED COMPILATION AND ANALYSIS OF UNGA VOTES INDICATED REFTEL NOT AVAILABLE FOR 30TH UNGA AT THIS TIME. FOLLOWING IS BREAKDOWN AND BRIEF EXPLANATION OF THE TWELVE 1975 UNGA VOTES WHICH USG CONSIDERS IMPORTANT REPRESENTATIVE ISSUES. NO BREAKDOWN OF 7TH SPECIAL SESSION VOTING IS GIVEN BECAUSE ACTION WAS TAKEN BY CONSENSUS.

2. BREAKDOWN OF 30TH UNGA PLENARY VOTES BY US, USSR, PORTUGAL, AUSTRIA AND SWEDEN ON SEVERAL RESOLUTIONS OF IMPORTANCE TO US FOLLOWS:

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A) RES NO 3486 - CHARTER OF ECONOMIC RIGHTS AND DUTIES

OF STATES (CERDS) (114-3-11). RES CONCERNED IMPLEMENTATION OF CERDS, ADOPTED AT 29TH UNGA. USG OPPOSED CERDS, AND HENCE ITS IMPLEMENTATION, BECAUSE OF A NUMBER OF PROVISIONS INCLUDING THOSE RELATING TO TREATMENT OF FOREIGN INVESTMENT AND EXPROPRIATION, PRIMARY PRODUCER CARTELS, INDEXATION, AND RESTITUTION FOR ALLEGED LOSSES

UNDER COLONIALISM, NEO-COLONIALISM, AND OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES (YES: GOP, USSR, GOS, GOA; NO: US).

B) RES NO 3517 - REVIEW AND APPRAISAL OF INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY (123-0-8; EIGHT WESTERN COUNTRIES WHO VOTED "YES" EXPRESSED CONCRETE RESERVATIONS). THIS G-77 SPONSORED RES WAS MAINLY A REHASH OF ISSUES DEALT WITH IN 6TH SPECIAL SESSION (NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER), CERDS, AND 7TH SPECIAL SESSION, LAYING RESPONSIBILITY FOR ALL DEVELOPMENTAL SHORT-FALLS AT DOORSTEP OF DEVELOPED COUNTRIES (YES: USSR, GOP, GOA, GOS WITH RESERVATIONS; ABSTAIN: US).

C) RES NO 3481 - IMPLEMENTATION OF DECLARATION ON GRANTING OF INDEPENDENCE TO COLONIAL COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES (108-3-15). RES APPROVED AND COMMENDED COMMITTEE OF 24 REPORT WHICH, INTER ALIA, CONDEMNED US FOR BASES ON GUAM AND MADE OTHER FALSE ALLEGATIONS THAT NATO WAS COLLABORATING MILITARILY WITH REGIMES IN SOUTHERN AFRICA (YES: GOP, USSR, GOS, GOA; NO: US).

D) RES NO 3482 - DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION ON DECOLONIZATION (117-2-6). RES WOULD HAVE EFFECT OF HAVING UN DISSEMINATE AND PUBLICIZE COMMITTEE OF 24 REPORT IN RES 3481. (YES: GOP, USSR, GOS, GOA; NO: US).

E. RES NO 3390A - KOREA (59-51-29). USG SOUGHT REASONABLE SOLUTION TO KOREAN SITUATION BY SUPPORTING RES CALLING FOR CONFERENCE BASED ON ALL PARTIES CONCERNED. THIS WAS CONSTRUCTIVE APPROACH TOWARD MEETING INTEREST OF UN MEMBERS IN ENDING UN INVOLVEMENT IN KOREA (YES: US, GOP, GOS, GOA; NO: USSR).
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F) RES NO 3390B - KOREA (54-43-43). RES CALLED FOR KOREAN SETTLEMENT WITHOUT INVOLVEMENT OF ROK IN PROCESS. (YES: USSR; ABSTAIN: GOP, GOS, GOA; NO: US).

G) RES NO 3411G - APARTHEID, SITUATION IN SOUTH AFRICA (101-15-16). RES CALLED INTER ALIA FOR SECURITY COUNCIL TO TAKE MEASURES UNDER CHAPTER VII OF UN CHARTER

(SANCTIONS) TO RESOLVE SITUATION IN SOUTH AFRICA.
RES STRONGLY CONDEMNED US AND OTHERS FOR ALLEGED
COLLABORATION WITH SOUTH AFRICA. (YES: USSR; ABSTAIN:
GOP, GOS; NO: US, GOA).

H) RES NO 3379 - ELIMINATION OF ALL FORMS OF RACIAL
DISCRIMINATION (72-35-32). RES DETERMINED THAT
ZIONISM IS A FORM OF RACISM AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION.
(YES: USSR, GOP; NO: US, GOS, GOA). PORTUGAL DID
SUPPORT A US SUPPORTED MOVE TO POSTPONE CONSIDERATION OF
THIS RES. HOWEVER, WE VIEWED THEIR VOTE IN FAVOR OF
THE RES ITSELF WITH PARTICULAR DISMAY.

I) RES NO 3429 - QUESTION OF AMERICAN SAMOA, GUAM, AND
US VIRGIN ISLANDS (89-6-32). RES STRONGLY DEPRECATED
US MILITARY INSTALLATIONS ON GUAM. (YES: USSR, GOP;
ABSTAIN: GOS, GOA; NO: US).

J) RES NO 3375 - INVITATION TO PLO TO PARTICIPATE IN
MIDDLE EAST PEACE TALKS (101-8-25). USG SUPPORTS
GENEVA CONFERENCE AS VEHICLE FOR MIDDLE EAST PEACE
NEGOTIATIONS. IN USG VIEW ONLY PARTICIPANTS OF GENEVA
CONFERENCE HAVE RIGHT TO BROADEN REPRESENTATION IN
NEGOTIATING PROCESS. (YES: USSR, GOP; ABSTAIN: GOS,
GOA; NO: US).

K) RES NO 3376 - QUESTION OF PALESTINE (93-18-27).
RES ESTABLISHED COMMITTEE OF 20 TO OVERSEE RIGHTS OF
PALESTINIANS. USG BELIEVES PALESTINIAN ISSUE MUST BE
DEALT WITH THROUGH NEGOTIATING PROCESS, NOT BY ONE-
SIDED RES WHICH DOES NOT TAKE INTO ACCOUNT INTERESTS
OF ALL PARTIES. (YES: USSR; ABSTAIN: GOP, GOS, GOA;
NO: US).
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L) RES NO 3414 - SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST (84-17-
27). RES HAD EFFECT OF CHANGING AGREED FORMULA ON
MIDDLE EAST NEGOTIATING PROCESS. (YES: USSR, GOP;
ABSTAIN: GOS, GOA; NO: US).

3. VOTING INDICATES THAT GOP HAS BEEN UNHELPFUL TO
USG ON SEVERAL IMPORTANT UNGA ISSUES (OF FOREGOING 12
RESOLUTIONS, GOP VOTED WITH USSR ON EIGHT AND WITH US
ON ONLY ONE). HOWEVER, WE DO NOT CONCLUDE THAT GOP
DELIBERATELY ATTEMPTED TO SIDE WITH USSR. IN FACT,
IT IS MORE LIKELY THAT GOP VOTES DETERMINED BY DESIRE
TO SUPPORT G-77 ECONOMIC POSITIONS AND NON-ALIGNED
POLITICAL POSITIONS RATHER THAN BY ORIENTATION VIS-A-
VIS US OR USSR. NEVERTHELESS, GIVEN RADICAL INFLUENCE

IN NON-ALIGNED LEADERSHIP AND THE FREQUENTLY ANTI-US,
ANTI-NATO, OR ANTI-DEVELOPED COUNTRY CHARACTER OF
NON-ALIGNED RESOLUTIONS, UNDISCRIMINATING ASSOCIATION
WITH NON-ALIGNED PROPOSALS PRODUCES AN ANTI-US POSTURE.
THUS, IT IS ANTI-US CHARACTER (EXCEPT FOR OUR KOREA

RESOLUTION) OF PORTUGAL'S 30TH UNGA VOTING RECORD WHICH
SHOULD BE STRESSED ALONG WITH OUR EXPECTATION THAT GOP'S
PRESENT LEADERSHIP WILL MOVE TO CORRECT THIS POSTURE. KISSINGER

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